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ITEM 3

Briefings on Research in the Social Sciences of Use to  
Psychological Strategy Board Planning and Operations  
(no paper)

Summary: Departmental representatives will brief the board: Mr. Kirkpatrick, State; Mr. Price, Defense. The discussion is to be based on the following four criteria: (a) Requirements; (b) Agency problems with respect to research; (c) Interdepartmental coordination; and (d) Utilization of the research product.

Reference may be made to the original investigation of the research problem by [REDACTED] <sup>TAB A</sup> (Attached) It is the staff's understanding that [REDACTED] was to submit recommendations with a view to proper coordination of research activities in support of psychological warfare. This would, as a result, serve to eliminate duplication and insure better use of research by Government departments and agencies. The [REDACTED] investigation departed from a limited study concerned with psychological warfare and extended itself to a consideration of the whole field of social science research, much of which has only an indirect relation to psychological warfare.

Admittedly, much over-lapping exists in the field of research, but the staff is of the opinion that proper coordination would serve to:

- (a) reduce duplication;
- (b) point up gaps where additional research is needed;
- (c) insure full Government utilization of the research product;
- and (d) familiarize agencies engaged in research of the special needs of psychological warfare agencies.

Recommendation: That Messrs. Wisner and Becker (or either) be prepared to  
comment at the meeting.

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